

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD

Order of Adoption **Board Approved Institutions and Advertising Academic Degrees**

Article 3. Qualifications for Licensure-Education and Clinical Experience

1399.152 Approved Institutions.

(a) For the purposes of this Section, the term "institution" means the location where a student attends and receives their primary academic and clinical preparation including its satellite sites or campuses. The term "joint program" means a program wherein each of the member institutions is a separate degree-granting body.

~~(a)~~ (b) An "institution approved by the board" as used in Section 2532.2 of the code includes Educational institutions accredited by the Educational Standards Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or is defined as an educational institution (or in the case of a joint program, educational institutions) that is accredited by a regional or national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education and that has program accreditation in the area for which licensure is sought by an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its predecessor, the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA), or another body recognized by the Board.

~~Educational institutions listed in the current Guide to Graduate Education in Speech Pathology and Audiology published by the American Speech Language Hearing Association which (1) employ at least one full time faculty member who holds a doctorate degree who is licensed or has qualifications deemed equivalent as defined in Section 1399.152.3 in the field for which the applicant is seeking licensure (speech-language pathology or audiology) and (2) employ at least one full time, or the equivalent in the field, staff instructor who holds at least a master's degree in the field for which the applicant is seeking licensure (speech language pathology or audiology), and (3) have awarded six or more graduate degrees (speech language pathology or audiology) during the three years preceding application for such a listing.~~

(c) A graduate speech-language pathology or audiology program shall be accredited or shall be designated as a program in candidacy by the accrediting body authorized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the time of the applicant's graduation.

(d) A post-baccalaureate audiology doctoral program shall be accredited or shall be designated as a program in candidacy by the accrediting body authorized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or shall be accredited or shall be designated as a program in candidacy by another accrediting body as specified in subsection (b) above.

(e) In its discretion the board may approve, after its review, any educational institution program that is not accredited under one of the above-mentioned criteria.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2532.2, Business and Professions Code.

1399.156.4 Advertising

(a) A licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist may advertise the provision of any services authorized by the Act so long as such advertising does not promote the excessive or unnecessary use of such services.

~~(b) Except as provided for in subsection (c), a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist may advertise only those degrees obtained from an educational institution approved by the board pursuant to Section 1399.152.~~

(b) A licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist may advertise any academic degree that has been earned and awarded provided that the advertisement of that degree is not false, deceptive, misleading or in the exercise of reasonable care should be known to be false, deceptive or misleading.

(c) Advertising degrees from any of the following categories of institutions shall be considered by the Board to be false, deceptive or misleading.

(1) An institution that was not legally authorized or approved to award the degree by the appropriate state regulatory or licensing agency at the time the degree was awarded or at any time during which the licensee was in attendance. For the purpose of this paragraph, the Board reserves the right to disallow the authorization or approval of the institution if it determines that the state agency has not or cannot exercise appropriate regulatory oversight over the institution in question.

(2) An institution whose accreditation or state approval was revoked within one (1) year after the degree was awarded.

(3) An institution which has been determined by a judicial or administrative tribunal to have operated illegally in violation of state or federal law at the time the degree was awarded or at any time during which the licensee was in attendance.

(4) Any institution which makes false, deceptive or misleading advertisements or claims with respect to the rigor, integrity or quality of the degrees it awards.

~~(ed) Representation of non speech-language pathology or audiology earned academic degrees is not prohibited, if the degrees are from a school college, or university listed in the "Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education" handbook issued by the American Council on Education. If the degree advertised is generic, such as Ph.D., Ed.D., M.S., M.A., and or M.Ed., the holder may represent them, but shall specify the discipline in which each particular degree was earned.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 651 and 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 651, 2533 and 17500, Business and Professions Code

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